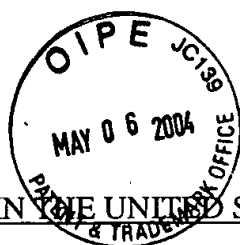


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Official Action dated March 2, 2004, the applicant hereby requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the following.

Claims 1-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as indefinite. Also, claims 1-9 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Herz (US 3,839,861) in view of Nowicki ("Earch to Orbit Transportation Bibliography, 3/20/99). Finally, claims 10-12 and 14 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and overcoming the above referenced 112 rejections.

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